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REMARKS

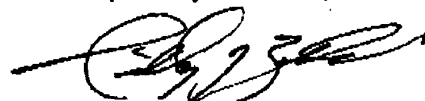
In response to the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance, Applicant believes that the Statement of Reasons for Allowance is not wholly clear and may lead to confusion.

The patentability of claims 1-21 lies in each claim as a whole. That is, a single particular element or feature of a claim does not define the claim's patentability, but rather, it is each of the elements and the interconnection therebetween that define that which is claimed. All the limitations expressed in the Examiner's Statement are not in each of the independent claims; therefore, to express such Reasons in one run-on sentence may be confusing. The claims cannot be considered to be limited in scope based on this brief statement by the Examiner. Further, the claims are not limited only to a particular figure set forth in the specification and must be read to cover embodiments of the invention not specifically described in the specification or shown in the figures.

The Examiner's paraphrasing of the claims may or may not be accurate. Applicant does not acquiesce to the accuracy of the Examiner's statements in the Reasons for Allowance.

Entry of these remarks is appreciated and Applicant cordially invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned, should the Examiner consider any matters unresolved.

Respectfully submitted,



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